

REMARKS

The Examiner's Action mailed on September 27, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully considered.

In this Amendment, Applicants have editorially amended the specification, and have amended claims 1-2, 4, 6-9 and 11. Further, claims 3 and 10 has been canceled. Claims 1 and 8 are the independent claim. Claims 1-2, 4-9 and 11-14 remain pending in the application. For at least the following reasons, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

Initially, it is noted with great appreciation that the Examiner considers the subject matter of dependent claims 3, 4, 10 and 11 as being allowable over the art of record. In response thereto, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 3. Thus, the amended claim 1, and the claims dependent therefrom, have been placed in *prima facie* condition for allowance. Also, independent claim 8 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 10. Thus, the amended claim 8, and the claims dependent therefrom, have been placed in *prima facie* condition for allowance. Accordingly, all of the Examiner's various prior art rejections of the claims have been rendered moot.

The Examiner has also rejected claim 1 as being indefinite. In response thereto, claim 1 has been editorially amended, to provide a definite expression and sufficient antecedent basis. It is submitted that all of the claims comply with

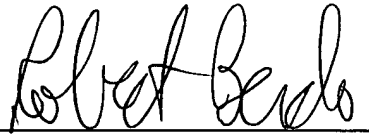
the provisions of 35 USC Section 112, and it is requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

It is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Such action and the passing of this case to issue are requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a conference would help to expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Should any fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002, and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,



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